

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes July 25, 2007

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting convened at 1:35 p.m. (EST) on April 25, 2007 in Conference Room A of the Indiana Government Conference Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis by Chairman Robert Carter.

Board members present were Chairman Robert Carter, Julie Donnell, Harry Murphy, William Selm, Andrew Seager, and Kent Schuette.

Staff members present were Paul Diebold, Amy Walker, Frank Hurdis, Steve Kennedy, Holly Tate, Dave Duvall, and Jennifer Hubbard.

Visitors present were: Laura Minzes, Link Ludington, Sue Becher Gilliam, James Kienle, Brian Renner, John Holey, Elizabeth Barrett, Ray Trinkle, Harold Minton, John Padgett, Greg Sekula, Joy Minton, Linda Williams, Michelle Jinkins, Glory-June Greiff, Parvin Gillim.

Chairman Robert Carter called for the approval of the minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting. Kent Schuette made a motion to approve the minutes. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

I. Division Director's Report

Jim Glass announced that it was a pleasure to be at the meeting for the first time since his recent appointment as Division Director. He talked about the reorganization of the division. He announced that archeology month would start in September and the Indiana State Fair will be feature trolley tours of some of the historic buildings. He also discussed the Cornelius O'Brien - Main Street Conference in Richmond, Indiana.

II. State Certificates of Approval

1. **Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Museum and Historic Sites for a certificate of approval to demolish the existing east entry staircase and construct a new staircase with a wheelchair platform lift integrated into the new structure at Lanier State Historic Site, Madison, Jefferson County.**

David Duvall discussed the scope of the work. The Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology recommended approval of the request. Link Ludington was available for questions. There was no board discussion. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the certificate. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

2. **Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval to make improvements to the grounds around the Bronnenberg House (12M2cc), Mounds State Park, Union Township, Madison County, Indiana.**

Frank Hurdis spoke of redirecting of the pathways around the house so that it could be better interpreted. Andrew Seager asked about the stabilization of the spring house. Andrew Seager made a motion to approve the certificate. Kent Schuette seconded the motion and it carried.

3. **Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval to make repairs to the gatehouse and wall at Shakamak State Park, Lewis Township, Clay County.**

Frank Hurdis discussed the scope of work including the re-roofing and repairing a timber post, as well as plumbing and electrical upgrade of the interior of the building. Andrew Seager asked whether or not the same tool used originally to create the appearance of an adzed post would be used in the repair. He stated that If the same tool would not be used, he would recommend that the adze marks not be replicated. Sue Becher Gilliam, representing State Parks and Reservoirs, could not provide a definitive answer. Seager made a motion to approve the certificate with his comments. Kent Schuette seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Museum and Historic Sites for a certificate of approval to restore to its 1859 appearance the Fauntleroy House, 105 North West St., New Harmony, Posey County.

Frank Hurdis discussed the scope of the work which includes restoring the house to its 1859 appearance. Link Ludington made a formal presentation. Kent Schuette noted that this house, as originally constructed, was a copy of the Lentz House, also in New Harmony. He noted that part of this house's story is the way it was modified over time to accommodate later occupants and that should be part of the interpretation. Andrew Seager made a motion to approve the certificate. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

5. Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Museum and Historic Sites for a certificate of approval to rehabilitate the foundation, exterior stair, walks, fence and wall at the Culbertson State Historic Site, 914 East Main Street, New Albany, Floyd County.

Paul Diebold discussed the scope of the work. He stated that the DNR Division of Engineering which is preparing the plans for the work has proposed two alternative solutions. Alternate A would use a concrete base under the walk paving stones and would give even foundation support requiring replacing fewer paving stones. Alternate B would use an aggregate bed for the paving. Both solutions will solve the uneven walk surface issue successfully. He stated that the fence is currently heaving out of alignment. The proposed solution will be to build a concrete retaining wall behind the stone base for the fence. The house foundation wall will be waterproofed. The certificate of approval should be effective until August 31, 2013. The archaeological staff has reviewed the project and supports the granting of the certificate. Bogusia Dabrowska was available for question. Andrew Seager asked why the fence was stable for over one hundred years and is now unstable and Dabrowska provided a lengthy response. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve the certificate. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Application by Indiana Department of Administration on behalf of the Indiana War Memorials Commission for a certificate of approval to install a dumpster enclosure at the south side of the Indiana World War Memorial, 431 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Marion County

Paul Diebold discussed the scope of the work. Julie Donnell asked if a cultural landscape report had been done. Jason Larrison noted that a master plan was prepared that discusses landscape conditions. Murphy made a motion to approve the certificate. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Application by the Indiana Department of Administration on behalf of the Indiana War Memorials Commission for a certificate of approval to add a handrail to stairs inside the Indiana War Memorial, 431 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Marion County

Paul Diebold discussed the scope of the work indicating that the rails would make visitation of the helicopter room safer for the general public. Jason Larrison was available for questions.

Kent Schuette asked if one hand rail up the middle would be a better idea. Jason Larrison explained why he doesn't think it would be a good idea. William Selm asked about the materials of the hand rails. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the certificate. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Application by the Indiana Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Management for a certificate of approval to upgrade the air conditioning system in the Indiana Statehouse, Indianapolis, Marion County

Frank Hurdis discussed the scope of work. It will involve removing substantial amounts of the barrel vault in the ground floor corridors plus replacing ceilings in rooms off of these corridors. On upper floors, heating units will be replaced with less intrusive units, chases will be widened in offices to accommodate the additional air handling needs and the some plaster medallions in the rotunda that have not already been altered to accommodate grills will be so altered. Hurdis explained that the staff had concerns about the installation of the acoustical tile in the corridor ceilings and had discussed those concerns with the Division of Public Works, Department of Administration and the architect and those concerns have been addressed. The staff recommended approval of the certificate. Tom Coulter, director of the Division of Public Works, spoke on behalf of the project. William Selm asked about the availability of the 1988 historic structures report. Andrew Seager asked about the date of the vaulted ceilings in the ground floor. Hurdis explained that to the best of the staff's knowledge, the ceilings dated to the early 20th century. Seager also asked if the staff's concern about how the ceiling tiles would be laid in was addressed. James Kienle, consultant for the Department of Public Works, explained the design intent. Kent Schuette added that he felt from a preservation point of view, the placement of the press offices in the basement relieved a lot of need for those spaces formerly on the first floor. Kent Schuette moved approval of the certificate, William Selm seconded it, and it carried.

III. State and National Register Applications

- 1. Violett-Martin House and Gardens, 039-243-53241, Goshen, Elkhart County (1600)**
Paul Diebold explained some of the issues associated with this property. There was no board discussion. Andrew Seager made a motion to approve the application, Julie Donnell seconded it and it carried.
- 2. Medora Covered Bridge, 071-398-55010, Medora vicinity, Jackson County (1885)**
Paul Diebold explained why the staff is recommending that the level of significance be placed as National rather than State or local. There was no additional board discussion. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve the application, Andrew Seager seconded it, and it carried.
- 3. Josephus Wolf House, 127-520-10034, Valparaiso vicinity, Porter County (1901)**
Paul Diebold briefly discussed the property. There was no discussion. Harry Murphy made a motion to accept the application, Andrew Seager seconded it, and it carried.
- 4. Sheridan Downtown Commercial Historic District, Hamilton County (1903)**
Paul Diebold explained that the application was sponsored by several local groups. There was no board discussion. Andrew Seager made a motion to approve the application, Kent Schuette seconded it and it carried.
- 5. Spencer Public Library, 199-605-36022, Spencer, Owen County (1915)**
Paul explained that the staff believes the library is eligible under National Register Criteria A and C. Kent Schuette made a motion to accept the application, Andrew Seager seconded it and it carried.

6. Beck's Mill Bridge, carries Beck's Mill Road over Mill Creek, Salem vicinity, Washington County (1917)

Paul Diebold briefly discussed staff's opinion of the bridge. There was no board discussion. Julie Donnell made a motion to accept the application, Andrew Seager seconded it and it carried.

7. Paoli Historic District (Boundary Increase, Boundary Decrease), Paoli, Orange County (1912)(tabled at the April 25th meeting)

Frank Hurdis explained the issue associated with this request to adjust the district boundary. Hurdis recapped the concern that board members expressed when the application was first considered in April and the fact that various board members either on their own or in an organized study trip on June 27th had studied the areas of Paoli under consideration. He pointed out that the question before the board remained the validity of the boundary adjustment and not any extenuating circumstances that brought the request about. Harry Murphy recapped his impressions based on the study trip. He suggested there might be a need to reexamine ratings of resources throughout the district and that there might be other areas currently outside the boundary that merit inclusion in the district. He believes the area along North Gospel Street recommended for removal does not contain contributing resources. Kent Schuette requested clarification and Hurdis explained that the motion tabled at the April meeting was to approve or deny the boundary adjustment as proposed in the boundary adjustment application. Hurdis further recommended that the board accept or deny the current proposal but not make further adjustments as part of their decision. Kent Schuette moved that the motion be removed from the table for consideration and Julie Donnell seconded it and it carried. Kent Schuette then expressed his opinion that the boundary should not change and that the local support for not changing the boundary should be weighed. He moved to deny the boundary adjustment, Julie Donnell seconded it. Ray Trinkle, Paoli resident, asked about the procedures for appealing the board's decision and noted that there was also support for adjusting the boundary. John Padgett also spoke in support of the boundary adjustment. Greg Sekula, Director of the southern regional office of HLF1 voiced his objection the boundary adjustment. At that point the chairman called for the vote and the motion to deny the boundary adjustment carried.

IV. Grant Evaluation Criteria and Priorities for FY 2008 Historic Preservation Fund Grants

Steve Kennedy summarized the methodology used to develop the FY2008 HPF grant funding criteria. He noted two changes in the criteria – increasing the maximum amount of an architectural/historical grant award by \$5000 and increasing the minimum administrative score that applicants must achieve from 62 to 65 points. No public comments were received regarding the criteria. Kent Schuette asked if the source of matching funds might be federal funds and Kennedy responded that they could not. Chairman Carter called for a vote on the criteria. Harry Murphy made a motion to accept and Kent Schuette seconded it. The motion passed.

V. Emergency Repairs to Turkey Run Inn, Turkey Run State Park

Paul summarized the need for emergency repairs to the inn after on fire on June 26, 2007. Fire damage was quickly contained but there was extensive water damage from the sprinkler system. The staff has worked with DNR division of engineering to make repairs while respecting any historic features. A full report will be given at the October meeting.

VI. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification

Frank Hurdis explained that an appeal had been filed regarding the board's denial of a boundary increase for the John Ross Farm in Lake County and a prehearing conference will be held on August 17, 2007 unless the appeal is withdrawn beforehand. Hurdis also noted that the request for statewide level of significance for the Van Buren Terrace Historic District was denied by the National Register which considered local significance the more appropriate level. Hurdis explained that the National Register had denied the listing of the

Jackson Township School Gymnasium for lack of significance. Finally, Hurdis noted that the Harmony Way Bridge that involves both the Indiana and Illinois SHPOs had been signed by the Illinois SHPO and will be forwarded to Washington, D.C. for review.

Director Carter noted the proposed date for the next meeting is October 24, 2007 in the Government Center and the deadline for certificate of approval applications is September 14, 2007.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and passed.

